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Appl. No. 09/830,290

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Art Unit: 2674

Examiner: Jean E. Lesperance

Atty. Docket No.: 38787-171294

For: DRIVING SCHEME AND  
ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY FOR  
THE LCD ELECTROOPTICAL  
SWITCHING ELEMENT

Customer No.

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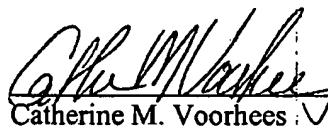
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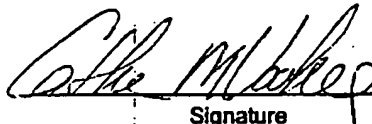
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| Filing or 371(c) Date:                            | 04-25-2001   | Status:                    | Response to Non-Final Office Action Entered and Forwarded to Examiner |
| Application Type:                                 | Utility  | Status Date:               | 11-17-2005  |
| Examiner Name:                                    | LESPERANCE, JEAN E   | Location:                  | ELECTRONIC  |
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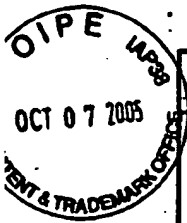
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